

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
FINANCE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:832
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FUNDS FOR RELIEF WORKS
A. VENKATESH NAIK

Will the Minister of FINANCE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

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(a) whether the attention of the Government has been drawn to the news items captioned "Rahat Karyaon Ke Liye Rajasthan Ke Pas Dhan Nahi" appeared in the 'Rashtriya Sahara' dated 04.02.2003;

(b) if so, the facts of the matter reported therein;

(c) the reasons for not providing funds to the Rajasthan for relief works;

(d) whether such type of requests have also received from other States; and

(e) if so, the details thereof with the action taken thereon?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE & COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI ANANDRAO V. ADSUL)

(a) to (c): Government of India has been supplementing the efforts of the State towards calamity relief through releases under Calamity Relief Fund (CRF) & National Calamity Contingency Fund (NCCF), in terms of the guidelines of the Schemes for CRF and NCCF. An amount of Rs.534.35 crores has been released as Centre's share of CRF during 2000-01 to 2002-03 and Rs.331.31 crores under NCCF for drought relief. Rajasthan has been provided 10.1 lakhs tonnes of foodgrains under Special component of Sampurna Grameen Rozgar Yojana (SGRY) to meet drought situation. The State Government has also been allocated Rs.463.00 crores during 2002-03 to meet the fiscal stress faced by them on account of inter-alia drought relief expenditure.

(d) & (e): Requests for Central assistance for calamity relief have been received from some States and assistance under NCCF are considered taking into consideration the assessment of Central Teams deputed to visit these States, consequent upon receipt of memorandum from the State Government.